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Original Poem.

TO MY MOTHER.

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"A mother's cares! In these her youth
And bloom of cheek and buoyancy of heart,
Steal from her with a withering blight."

My gentle Mother! in these eye
Is dark and wet,
Still can I trace the following
Years stole not as the y rell—
The love has yet the quiet look
Methink it ever wears.
The placid sweetness of thy voice
Is even as of yore.

But pale thy cheek, and shrived now
The form that bounded gay!
Mid the bright flowers of thy home
Is lodged the unbidden May.
Subdued the's very play,
And toned the buoyant tread,
And dimmed the golden, dreamy light,
That circled o'er thy head.

Such change is wrought, my mother dear,
And less by that than care;
The sight of an anxious love
Have left their trace on thine—
The patient watchfulness that views
To shield from ev'ry ill,
The hinge upon whose was poured
Thy love so strong and still.

My heart is full when I recall
My early, thoughtless years,
And grateful feelings move o'er all
Thy cares and tender tears.
The constant, tireless watchfulness
A mother only knows;
The never failing sympathy
With childhood's little woes.

The times I well remember now
When filled with sincere thought,
I looked up in my mother's face,
And consolation sought;
And the kind words in in my ear
That calmed my restless fears,
I feel the peace come o'er my heart
That hushed sorrow's tears.

And now if at change in thought and act
The trace affection tasks
And calls for other sympathies
Than boyhood childhood asks—
When Time's unfolding hand has given
Strength to the spirit's wing,
And Fortune purposes in the race
Of high endeavoring—

When life is rich beyond dream,
And earth is fair to see,
And happy future years arise
In lush without sky—
When youth's high hopes and aspirations
Are thrilling wild and warm,
And far off, realms of glory, shine
Perfection's aged form—

With all to prompt that can inspire
An energy divine
To struggle for the good and true,
Our being's prime design—
Thus act, my mother, mingled still
With every happy dream,
And higher, dearer, holier now
A daughter's duties seem—

Oh, that the future could repay
What thou hast sacrificed,
Could grace the well-decayed, love
More deeply felt and prized!
But rain are words, and actions poor,
The grateful heart to speak,
In the darkness of the past,
Mother! its likeness seek

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Original Tales.

THE COUSINS;
Or, A Trip to the Springs.

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BY CLAUD CLEVERLY.

"A little nonsense, now and then,
Is relished by the best of men."

That story opera less than a hundred miles from a watering place somewhere on the Delaware, not much frequented, because the accommodations were not the best and the water indifferent. And yet, sometimes old "Scratch and Scramble" had a "patient list of the Southern aristocracy" (I use his language, not mine) remaining for a whole week or more at the "Sole Horse" Hotel, kept by old Hugh Wolf. I gave the names by which he and his spring or well were called by the sparks from the city, and of the boys in the country. And if any one else has chanced to doubt it, and dispute my right so to designate them, I beg leave to remind such, according to my appointment, I have as much right to call my master of ceremonies "old Scratch and Scramble," as the soldiers of Marathon used to call their master of ceremonies "old Rough and Ready." And as to the name of the well, I would hint to know, if I can, had Sir Walsingham place which not one otherwise heard of, why I have not the right to name it?

Perhaps you may think that uncle Jimmy Goblin objected to the name of "Scratch and Scramble" for her, bless his old soul! he never cared what you called him, if you would only eat his victuals and drink his cheery beverage and pay for them after wards. By the bye, he certainly did make the best cherry bounce I ever met with in my travels. Do you dispute that, too? Ask the aforesaid city sparks and country boys—and if you doubt their word, go and try it yourself; and then I will be content to a mathematical demonstration. You need not be under any apprehensions as to your receptions. I will insure any one a hearty welcome from "old Scratch" whenever you choose to visit him.

But to my story. What about the Cousins so mutely referred to at the end of this column? Well, now, to begin in the true romantic style. It was the pleasantest part of the day, when "early" does to sleep on the bosom of the west—the bright sentinels of the upper world were silently taking their stations preparatory to the coming on of night—when mother Luna, in "matron majesty," walked amid her sparkling daughters, and sent her silver beams Cassio and sweeter than cruel to shine upon the lieutenant vegetation below. In the front portico of a lovely cottage residence, stood a large arm chair, and lolling in that chair was one of my heroes —Harry Clymer by name.

Spread upon his lap, with his hand upon its pages, was a volume of "Paradise Lost," open at the beginning of Milton's Opera of Comus He read aloud:

"Now, if I know him right, a spirit, pure
As reads the spangled pavement of the sky—"

when he was interrupted by a merry voice, a few steps from the door, exclaiming,

"I think I have him now, I'll hit him sure."

Right on the spot, or just above the mark.

Harry looked up, and there, with a ball grown apple in his raised hand, stood his "trusty and well beloved cousin," Polly Dudittle.

"Glad to see you, Polly, come in. I was just wishing for you."

"No, you were not even thinking of me. But, as usual, reading poetry," was the reply.

"Yes, I was wishing for you. And but for the 'pricking of my thumbs,' which plainly said 'something wicked this way comes,' I should have sent for you to-night or early in the morning."

"Well, what is in the wind now? Speak quick, and relieve me of my awful suspense," said the lively Polly.

"Why, I am lonesome and lee-spirited," said Harry, "and have a notion to pay "old Scratch" a visit. Of course, I could not go without you; and it was to get your opinion that I wished to see you. What say you, cousin mine, will you go?"

"*I won't do anything else!*" answered Dilly, "and I will tell you my reasons. I saw *Jack Davis*, yesterday; and he says there is a wealthy old grocer there with a daughter and niece—both rich and pretty. The only difficulty being that the latter is not an orphan, while the daughter is under the control of the said sour old grocer. But the manager of the matter is, that they hear the same family name, and though one hails from Orleans and the other from New England, no one can tell which is the Yankee or which the Southerner.

"I am not one, then," said Clymer, "what batter we two cousins can do, than go down and make fierce love to these two, and, if they please us, bring them up here to live neighbors to each other.

"Another word on the subject would be superfluous," said Gloxy; "when shall we start?

"To-morrow morning," answered Clymer.

"Harry, you are inspiring," said Gloxer; "I will make a very respectable high fellow' of you yet. But if we go that none, I must go home and pre pare for the excursion. So, adieu—till we meet on our winding way."

And now, gentle reader, while our cousins are preparing for their journey, we will be excused for more fully with their history. Harry Clymer and William (or as every one called him) Billy Glover were cousins in earnest, who had fortunately acquired the favor of an old bachelor uncle, by whom they were petted and honored during his life, and remembered for honorably at his death. He willed them fine farms, upon the condition that they would live upon those farms for ten years succeeding his death. They were now occupying the farms, and (to their credit be it said) industriously striving to add to the portions left them by their uncle. Their only consolation consisting in the fact that their houses were so contiguous, that (if Billy told the truth,) they could hear the meat fry in each other's kitchen." In fact he often boasted, that in winter, when eggs were scarce, if he heard a hen cackle at Harry's, he forthwith sent over a "pocket edition of the African race, to steal the egg for his breakfast.

I beg the reader to recollect that I am using the language of Mr. Billy Glover, and not my own.

Early the next morning, Harry Clymer was at Glover's door, calling on him to be off. In a few moments they set out.

As they rode on, they passed their way over the hills and through the valleys, the loud laugh that echoed through the forests, and the occasional shout of hilarity that broke upon the quietude of night, that case was a stranger to their bosoms, and that while the blood of youth rioted in their veins, they were regarding the world and enjoying the fruits of health and happiness with halcyon delight.

"And now," said Clymer, "before we reach the battle-ground, had we not better arrange our plan of action?

"According to agreement," answered Glover, "when we have simply located ourselves in one of old Scramble's cottages and congratulated our relatives and friends upon from the dust of travel, by means of soap and water and brush, we will proceed to besiege the citadels awaiting our approach —you to capture the fancy of Yankee land—and I, the castle from the city of cotton lugs and Yankeedom. For, dear cousin, I am afraid to tell you, or say, or throw any impediment in your way. I am inclined to think that the golden charms must yet, in the shrine of the daughter. But how my chance in yarching for some of old Goblin's cherry bounce—

"I have not decided which of the two I will take," said Harry, "but of course shall choose the one whose personal appearance pleases me best, and leave the other for you.

"Thank you, cousin mine," so, answered Billy.

"But take care that I don't' come the hostile berry over your persimmons before you are aware of it."

Thus talking, jesting and laughing, they jogged along, till the sound of a bell some half mile distant warned them that they were about to reach their destination.

"Well," said Billy, "you may renovate your dress and countenance and go and announce your arrival. I feel too much fatigued to make my appearance to-night."

"For my part," replied Harry, "I feel exceedingly anxious to see the ladies, and shall certainly seek an opportunity before I sleep, at least to look upon them and select my Dulcinea."

Accordingly, as soon as they were in a room, Glover ordered "bounce and supper"—and Clymer, "soap and water." Having washed, they combed and brushed, he called forth to hunt his way to the supper room. Upon entering, they found a small company—the majority of which were ladies. Seated at the table he carefully eyed every little group in the room, till his glance settled on a lively, sprightly looking girls seated under the care of a large, corpulent old gentleman, who seemed to be looking after every one in the room.

"Those are our girls," thought Harry, "and now to attract their attention in some manner."

Having arranged his cravat, and gentleman opposite, and on the same side of the table with himself, as Mr. Wilson, and recognizing the voice in reply as that which had saluted his ears on his arrival at the neighborhood, he rose, sauntered up the room till he reached Wilson, then bending over him he whispered:

"Don't call my name, but come to No. 13, as soon as you can."

"Eh! what! Harry—oh! ah! well, go on, I'll be there," said W'lson.

Harry returned, found the three—Harry—Billy and Wilson sitting around a table on which stood a bottle of bounce—a sugar dish—a pitcher of ice water —some other "chaser, and a box of Havana cigars.

"Come, gentlemen," said Glover, "help yourselves and fall to."

"Pshaw! Harry—you give in too soon. Did you not hear Peggy speak of her cousin's Yankee cunning? I am satisfied that Peggy is the Yankee, and you may take her. I claim the other."

"I am not satisfied to take Polly. She is much the best looking," said Clymer; "but Peggy only said what she did to deceive us. I am not satisfied that Peggy is not the Yankee."

"Gentlemen," said Polly, as they entered the room, "you seem so desirous to know from whence we came, that we are in suspense as to yours. Now as we are both fond of poetry, go you and each address some verses of his own composition to his favorite, (have some rereading your names,) and if we are pleased thereunto, we will tell you all you wish to know."

"I am agreed," said Billy, springing up. "for I am satisfied that I have already located you correctly, Cuttie Harry."

The curtain rises again to reveal the young men in their own room—each sitting at a table with pen, ink and paper. Billy having the additional propounte of a bottle of cherry bounce.

"Well, Billy, are you through? if so, lend me your pen, and for I am stumped. What rhymes to form?" asked the perplexed Harry.

"Worn," answered Glover. "And now if you have got through with your name, let's quit."

"I have done," said Clymer. "I will read first, and then you. But perhaps I had better call your attention to my first two lines, for inasmuch as I am not entirely satisfied whether my Polly is the town or daughter, I have addressed her as lately to return to the North or South. I have also taken pains to let her know that I took upon her as he, pond my reach—and that I am afraid to love; for I don't know but she might think I wanted to marry her.

"Well thought of, Mr. Clymer," said Billy. "Neither have I hinted at marriage. We have not exactly determined on that as yet. And it is well enough to be on the safe side. Let roll."

"Well, here goes," said Harry.

TO MISS POLLY.

When last away in Yankee land,
Or in the warm and "sunny south"—
A scene one holds your gentle hand,
While words of love are flowing forth—
Whilst words of love are flowing forth—
You hearing low the rolling ear,
And listening with a downcast eye
His warm devotion'al to hear,
Which call from you a happy sigh—
Say then, sweet charmer, will you be,
One thought to him who is not near,
Who friendship's feeling had to warn,
And love's remember to forbear?
Oh, may one thought dwell on his fate,
Who now is but your bashful cheater,
And 'mid love's sunshine, clear and warm,
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I study and I scribble much,
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Or when you're at leisure,
Your eyes upon these lines may rest—
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As one of all your friends the best,
Are one whose heart felt lighter
When e'er it on your presence rested,
Till love was made to flutter,
As nails between the lips at last
Is made to turn to butter.
Then lovely, gazing-gifted maid,
I pray thee to remember
Him, who it has been often said
Is a very great dissembler.
Believe them not, my noble girl,
Believe them not the story;
I swear by Cupid's lovely world
I never yet have seen
Oath of deceit or cloak of cause,
And never fooled, never;
But told my love and made my clymer,
And thus been constant ever
But farewell, Peggy! more I see,
I am your faithful lover;
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But, reader, I weary your patience. Suffice it to say, that all things were explained to every one's satisfaction—that upon a further acquaintance, the young people were mutually pleased—that they were married—Harry to Polly, and Billy to Peggy, and that a fine portion of Grocer Goblin's heart displeases a woman so well as a few trowels full of flattery skillfully laid on. See here now—hear mine,"

Our Traveller.

WAYSIDE SKETCHES
Of the Old World.

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NEW YEAR'S DAY IN ROME—MONTE CAVALLO—THE BATHS OF DIOCLESIAN—ST. MARIA DEGLI ANGELI—SANTA MARIA MAGGIORE—THE LATERAN—TEMPLE OF VESTA—SEPULCHRE OF CAIUS CESTIUS—TOMB OF SHELLEY AND KEATS—THE COLISEUM AT SUNSET.

Rome, January 1, 1846.

New Year's Day in the Eternal City! It will be something to say in after years, that I have seen one year open in *Rome*—that, while my distant friends were making up the winter wilderness, the gayest and cleer around the merry bells, I have walked in sunshine by the ruins of the Coliseum, watched the orange glowing and with golden fruitage in the Farnese gardens, trodden the ancient meadow around the sepulchre of Caius Cestius, and stood by the graves of Shelley, Keats, and Salvator Rosa. Let me see if I can remember the whole history of this day. I rose early, and went to the window, to look upon the sky. On each side of an obelisk of Egyptian granite, before which was the fountain of Monte Cavallo, was a magnificent bronze basin, found in the old Forum. The statues, entirely loosened by age, are considered the finest specimens of horses art, and whether or not from the great masters, show in all their proportions, the conception of lofty genius.

Going out along the ramparts of the hills, we reached the remains of the Baths of Diocletian—of even greater extent than those of Caracalla, but far more dilapidated and defaced. Great masses of brick walls and broken arches are all that remain. In the midst of the ruined palace is the Church of Santa Maria Degli Angeli, built by Michael Angelo, and considered to be one of the finest in Rome. The great hall of the baths, with its pillars of massive granite (one is now standing), has been converted into the form of a Greek cross, and covered with a dome. The structure is simple, but on a stately and noble grandeur. The floor is paved with colored and marble, and between the mighty pillars are the tombs of Marini and Tomasini. Near the high altar is a glorious painting of the martyrdom of St. Sebastian, by Domenichino. Salvator Rosa is buried on the vestibule, and the hill on which the church stands was his favorite resort at evening, to look on the sunset fading away over Rome. Not far from here are the remains of a theatre and temple, which belonged to the wife of Sallust, and one can still walk along the mound of service Tullius and look over the walls of Rome, at the distant Sabine Hills.

The Church of *Santa Maria Maggiore* stands on the ancient Viminal Hill. It is of very large size, and the long interior is roofed with ancient beams, floored with precious marbles. Two side galleries supported on ancient granite pillars, run along its whole length, and at one end is a magnificent baldacrin covered with gold. It was thronged with worshippers as we passed through, and two files of soldiers were ranged along the nave.

We kept on our way between gardens filled with orange groves, and the gleaming fruit reminded me of Mignon's beautiful reminiscence—"Im dunkeln Laub die Gold thranen glühn." Rome, although subject to cold winds from the Apennines, seems to me still a climate that oranges and palm trees grow in the open air, without protection. Dates and pomegranates bloom the whole winter, in the open air, never-failing green.

The beauty of the Lateran equals St. Peters in magnificence, though its size is much smaller. The walls are covered with gorgeous hangings of velvet embroidered with gold, and before the high altar, which glitters with precious stones are four pillars of gilt bronze, said to be those which Augustus made of the spars of Egyptian ships captured at the Battle of Actium. The marble nave contains colossal statues of the twelve Apostles, but in a style too massive for nature and the whole church is filled with gilding and brilliant colors, resembles a vast illuminated missal. The tomb of Clement XII., in the centre, is adorned with two pillars of porphyry, and a splendid antique urn, of the same stone, stolen from the Pantheon.

We descended the hill to the Coliseum, and passing under the Arch of Constantine, walked along the sacred road, trodden by the feet of the Triumph of Vesta—a beautiful little relic which has been singularly spared by the devastations that have overthrown so many mightier fabrics. It is of Parian stone, surrounded by fourteen Corinthian columns, thirty-six feet in height, a shapely kind roof now takes the place of the elegant cornice which once gash the connecting chain to its perfect proportions. Close at hand are the remains of the temple of Fortuna Virilis, of which some four pillars alone are left, and the house of Cola di Rienzi near the Capitol Tribune of Rome.

As we approached the walls, the sepulchre of Caius Cestius came in sight—a single solid pyramid, one hundred feet in height. The walls are built against it, and the light spar rises far above the massive gate beside it, which was erected by Belisarius. But there were other tombs at hand, for which we had more sympathy than that of the forgotten Roman, and we turned away to look for the graves of Shelley and Keats.

They lie in the Protestant burying ground, on the side of a mound that slopes gently up to the old wall of Rome, beside the pyramid of Cestius. The swallows were still wild and active, and were Harry's old dances, and the soft green of the Italian ; me mingles with the dark cypress above the slumberers. Hope grows over its ashes, and the sweet bay and laurus or rosemary make the air fresh and fragrant. There is a solemn, mournful beauty about the place, grass and *scarcity* as it is, and beside the flattering walls of Ancient Rome, that takes away all the gloomy associations of death, and links one well to the dust, too, when his thread shall be spun out to the end.

We found first the simple head-stone of Keats, alone, in the grassy meadow. Its inscription states that on his death bed, in the bitterness of his heart at the malice of his enemies, he desired these words to be written on his tombstone: *"Here lies one whose name was written in water."* Not far from him repose the ash of Shelley.

Shelley himself lies at the top of the shaded slope, a little below a path by the wall, surrounded by tall cypresses. A little hedge of rose and bay surrounds his grave, which bears the simple inscription—

PERCY BYSSHE SHELLEY, Cor Cordium:

"Nothing of him that doth fade,
But doth suffer a sea change
Into something rich and strange."

Glorious, but misguided Shelley! He sleeps calmly now in that silent nook, and the sir around his grave is filled with sighs from those who mourn that the bright, versatile star should have been blotted out ere it reached the zenith of its mounting fame. Upon it a leaf from the fragrant bay, as a token of his fame, and a sprig of cypress from the bough that bent lowest over his grave; and passing between the tombs shaded with blooming rose and covered with unwithered garlands, left the lovely spot.

Amid the excitement of continually changing scenes, I have forgotten to mention my first visit to the Coliseum. The day after our arrival we set out with two English friends to see it by sunset. Passing by the glorious fountain of Trevi, we made our way to the Forum, and from thence took the road to the Coliseum lined on both sides with the remains of splendid edifices. The grass grown ruins of the Palace of the Cæsars stretched along on our right, and as our feet passed in succession the granite front of the Temple of Antoninus and Faustina, the three grand Arches of the Temple of Peace and the Temple of the Temple of Venus and Rome. We passed under the ruined triumphal arch of Titus, with bolder frieze representing the taking of Jerusalem, and the mighty walls of the Coliseum suddenly rose before us. They grew in grandeur as we approached them, and when at length we stood in the centre, with the shattered arches and broken walls rising above and beyond one another, for around us, the red light of sunset giving a soft and melancholy beauty, I was fain to remain there for other thought of grandeur had entered my mind, which I have not yet left.

A majesty like that of nature clothes this wonderful edifice. Walls rise above walls, and arches on arches, from every side of the grand arena, and like a sweep of craggy, pinnacled mountains around an oval lake. The two outer circles have nearly entirely disappeared, but have been swept by the reparation soldiers of Rome, during the middle ages, to build their palaces with. When entire, and filled with six hundred thousand spectators, it was said to exceeded any pageant which the world can now produce. No wonder it was said

"While stands the Coliseum, Rome shall stand,
When falls the Coliseum, Rome shall fall,
And when Rome falls, the world!"

—a prediction, which time has not verified. The world is now going forward, prouder than ever, and though we thank Rome for the legacy she has left us, we should not wish the dust of her ruin to comfort our path.

While standing in the arena, impressed with the spirit of the scene around me, which gave more spectral and melancholy as the dusk of evening began to fill up the lonelier arches, my eye was arrested by the strange figure ranged around the space doubtless to remove the pollution of paganism. Each of these bore his glaring cruse, and as the middle of the arena was reached, granting an absolution of forty days to all who knew it. Now, although a simple cross in the centre might be very appropriate, both as a token of the bronze devotion of Telemachus and the triumph of a true religion over the barbarism of the Past, this congregation of ulcerous and unbloody priestess mars very much the unity of association as necessary to the perfect enjoyment of any such scene.

We saw the flush of sunset fade behind the Capitoline Hill, and passed homeward by the Forum, as the last rays of evening rested on the ruins of the tall through the twilight. I am going to visit them often again, and "meditate amongst decay." It seems to grow attached to their lonely grandeur. A quiet, almost human, seems to speak from the desolation, and there is something in the very trees ornaries it silent, that strikes an answering chord in my own breast.

J. R. T.

Original Poetry.

SONG.

WRITTEN FOR THE SATURDAY EVENING POST.
BY HOWARD STANLEY.

The Fox that lived my love from me
In false one his bridal vow;
Her blossoming cheeks fragrancy
Fall on a stern, severed brow;
The wild white scene, that o'er it blow fold
An angel might contended be,
Encircle one whose heart is cold
To love and love's idolatry.

Oh! he willOve: I ever gaze
Even on the cloth gaze on him—
No glance rewards my silent praise
From those meek orbs in heaven that roam,
And like a large and lonely moon,
She moves around her destined sun,
Taking that with her keeps of love
And seems the beauty that is won.

Oh, it were more than death, to see
Her eye once more intentest turn
For still a mournful sympathy
Forever and from outer blight,
But though his smile would read that to,
My lot and only joy, to mourn,
Yet welcome were my misery,
If her pale cheek might bloom again.

FAREWELL.—To feel is amiable, but to feel too much is weakness. To be sad is well, but to be habit of giving way to sensibility, which we should endeavor to regulate, though not eradicate, may end in morbid melancholy of mind, which is the parent to romantic persons very gentle and very interesting; but only undoubtedly renders its victims very unfit for the business of life, and very unable to console in sorrow, and when they end in themselves, they are considered to be one good person than I know of. This is the chief reason why novels are so dangerous to young persons. My dear daughter will be reminded that I say this from motives of the tenderest affections to her, and because I would have her not unlike the good and amiable creatures of her heart, but direct them rightly. I would not have my child become one of those of whom it may be said that they feel, and only feel. It is the most absurd and useless of all characters.

—*Bishop Sandford.*

SILENCE.—We believe it was Byron who desired glory "to be shot through the body, and your name spelt wrong in the newspapers announcing your death.

For Young Men.

THE BEAR CHASE.
A Souvenir of an Old Hunter.

One evening, a short time after the battle of Fontenoy (1745), a group of the king's body-guard was congregated near the Latona basin, at Versailles, listening to two of their number discussing a subject which at that time was rarely a matter of controversy in military circles.

"Come, let us shut after a public affront!" exclaimed the tallest of the speakers, whose bronzed features were rendered almost ferocious by a thick red moustache. "I'll tell a man that all the waters of the deluge would not wash away."

I repeat, Monsieur de Malatour," replied the other in a calm, deliberate tone, "that there is more courage in refusing than in accepting a duel. What is more common than to yield to passion, scry, or vengeance; and what more rare than to resist them? Therefore it is a virtue when exhibited at the price of public opinion; for what costs nothing, is extremely as worth nothing."

"A marvel! Monsieur d'Argenton, I would advise you, since the king gives you the command of a company, to have engraven upon the salons of the soldiers, the commandment—*Thou shalt be no coward!*"

"Cowards themselves have their moments of courage."

"And the brave also their moments of fear."

"The expression is not that of a gentleman."

"It is that of a soldier," said Malatour, whose family equaled either of ours, and who avowed that he was not exempt from such moments. Everybody has heard of his duel in Conflict to a knighthood, performed in his presence that he had never known fear. He suddenly passed a light under the speaker's nose, certainly drew back (in fact, he was), and the great amusement of the bystanders, who laughed heartily at this singular mode of testing the other's assertion.

"None but a marshal of France had dared to try such a pleasantry. To our subject, sir. I maintain that a friend is as valuable as a kingdom, and nothing was heard but the confused tramp of feet, blending with the noise of the distant farmer, or, at intervals, the cry of some belated night bird flying heavily homeward in the doubtful glimmer of the yet unappearing moon.

As the party reached the crest of the mountain which immediately overhung the chateau, the first rays of the sun breaking from the east glanced on the summit of the Pyrenees and suddenly illuminated the landscape. Discovered beneath them a deep valley, covered with majestic pine-trees, which intermixed in the fresh breeze of the morning.

The chateau, which was the property of a cascade fell for some hundreds of feet through a cleft which divided the mountain from the summit to the base of the valley. Then it expanded, and, while tenfold the primitive convulsions of our globe, the chasm was surmounted by a natural bridge—the piles of granite of each side being joined by one immense rock, almost seeming to verify the fable of the Titans; for it appeared impossible that these enormous masses of stone could have ever been raised to such an elevation by human agency. Sinister legends were attached to the place, and the more imaginative recounted with terror that no hunter, with the exception of the parson, had ever been pasted at the bridge of Mauze without becoming the prey of either the bears or the precipice. But the parson was too good a Christian to partake of this fellowcreaturely infirmity, and he attributed the safety to its real cause—the calmness arising from the sight of the bears and the precipice combined, by destroying the hunter's presence of mind, and, in fact, unnerving, and his death the inevitable consequence. He could not, however, altogether divest himself of fears for his young master, who habitually persevered in his intention of occupying the bridge with his antagonist.

After placing the baron's companions at posts which he considered the most advantageous, the parson, with his son, and disposing them so as to accompass the valley during the cascade, commanded the utmost silence to be preserved until they should hear the distant bark of a dog—a signal that the mastiffs were to be unleashed, the instruments sounded, and all to move slowly forward, contracting their circle as they approached the cascade. These arrangements being made, the parson and his dog, followed by the mastodon alone, disappeared in the depths of the wood.

For some minutes the silence had remained unbroken, when suddenly a furious baying commenced accompanied by low growling. Each prepared his arms, the instruments sounded, and the mastiffs being let loose, precipitated themselves pell mell in the direction of the struggle. Their furious barking was soon confounded with the cries of the hunters, the echoes of the mountains, mingled with the formidable growling of the bears,

"Take your arms," said the young baron, quickly replacing in his hands the cuirass; "have on your courselets—they must not see you unarmed; and, nearer, not a word of all this."

"Look!" said he to his companions as they gathered around, pointing to the cuirass he wore—"it was to such . . . Rose, Monsieur de Maineur, I wait your orders, and am ready to give the satisfaction you require."

The latter made no reply, but reached out his hand, which Villerstein cordially shook.

That evening a banquet was given to celebrate the double victory. Towards the end of the repast a toast to "the vanquishers" was proposed, and immediately accepted. Monsieur d'Argente, glass in hand, rose to pledge it, when Malateur, after rising, held his arm, exclaiming:—"To the noble vanquished of the day!—to our noble host! It was he alone who killed the two bears, and if, through his generosity, I have allowed the illusion to last so long, it was simply for this reason: the affront which I gave him was a public one—the reparation ought to be public likewise. I now declare that Monsieur de Villerstein is the bravest of the brave, and that I shall maintain it towards all and against all."

"The time, at least, I shall not take up your pastime," said Monsieur d'Argente.

"There's a brave young man!" cried the parents, whom his manner had inducted at the table, and who endeavored to conceal a furtive tear. "Nothing could better prove to you that, while in the experience, you will be as calm in the presence of bears, as you are, I am sure, in the face of an enemy."

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THE MODEL REPUBLIC.

We have sometimes asked ourselves in consulting the future destiny of America, whether the common belief were true that this country is designed under Providence to tower out a great light for the nations of the earth to walk in, or whether we are to tread the same old beaten track of national and individual selfishness and aggrandizement that Empire has in her day, and that England has pursued in our own times to the extent of her power. That this country is destined in the providence of God to mark out a new era in the history of the world, is conformed to a great degree by the fact which we have alluded to, that such is the common impression not only among our own people but to a great extent among foreign nations. We shall therefore take it for granted in the present article that such is the case, and proceed to offer some remarks upon the conduct, both as individuals and as a nation, that such a distinguished mark of Heaven's favor imposes upon us.

For it is well always to keep in remembrance that destiny is never absolute, but conditional. Be it a man or a nation, the reason for a great work is the condition it carries with it. Neglect that and the condition is the promise of those virtues which led to his being singled out in the first instance from which his fellows. Twice never was a more dangerous idea propagated than that of an absolute destiny, either for men or for nations. Duly as the law is conformity to the great laws of justice and right, can they be ascertained as favored instruments of Him whose object is the establishment of perfect justice and perfect right upon the earth. The Jews invaded Canaan under a divine sanction, and they were promised the victory over its inhabitants. But it was always under the expressed or implied condition that they should keep the commandments of that had been delivered to them—or else they abandoned those that moment they subjected themselves to possible reprobation and defeat.

But in order that both individually and collectively, the American people should fulfil their great mission wisely and faithfully it were well in the first place that we should endeavor to comprehend what that mission is. If we have an object before us, perceptible by the eye of the mind, and by that object steadily in view, we shall guard far more against any deviation from it than if we merely trust to the blind, however true impulses of the heart. What then is that object which the American people, as the servant of God in the world steadily upon, should keep constantly before their vision? It is a Model Republic—a republic such as shall truly glorify God by being a blessing and a glory to man.

But opinions may differ, it will be said, as to what would constitute such a republic. We know it; and therefore think it well to enter into an examination of the constituents of a nation that we may as a people, be able to come to some conclusion as to what things are necessary to constitute such a government; and, if such be found to be wanting, we may see to steer at these deficiencies at almost and malaise, and to say, well, now you have determined what would be the best thing to do in a perfect republic, how much have you gained? For depend upon it, let it once be settled in the minds of men as an abstract conception, that a government and institutions of a certain kind are right, and the utmost and unshaken support will be necessarily, though, perhaps, unconsciously at work, to bring about an order of things resembling as near as it is possible the ideal which we have formed of the spiritual, the beautiful ideal to their souls.

What then would be a Model Republic? We ask the question, but will not have the presumption to attempt to answer it in toto. We leave to other pens, pens untrammeled by that compact of neutrality which we have made with our country, to depict the beautiful lineaments of a portrait upon whose real features not even the serious shall, at some coming period, gaze. We may not attempt the task: but in its stead may only trace a few faint outlines in which we trust our readers will be able to organize some truths that they have often felt, or not expressed themselves.

Let us start boldly with one inquiry—do luxury and pomp comport with republican principles? Are not simplicity and frugality necessary fundamentals of any picture true may conceive of an ideal Model Republic? We think so. Not only do we think them, but we declare it to be our first belief, that extravagance and luxury, if carried to any great extent by any considerable portion of the people of a country, are necessarily destructive of republican equality and christian virtue. The contagion has been in a man's habits of thought and his mode of living, in much more intimate than many persons imagine. Effectively, luxurious living will produce effeminate minds. When finding your wealthy with the spoils of conquered nations, and her inhabitants reduced to the most abject state of misery, one of the ancestors who had given her renown, she became enervated, and finally—the mighty queen of the world—fell a prey to a selfish love of ease and of their own safety, and to a selfish indifference to the misery and to their country; and that proud city of the seven hills opened her gates to the barbarian at the period of her greatest opulence and splendor.

Every body, knowing that the great lesson all history and experience teaches, is the necessary connection between luxury and profligacy, profligacy and crime, all that feeling of true manliness that will revive the tendency in our wealthy men to spe the pomp and splendor of monarchical Europe. Let us never say that by luxury and waste they are encouraging our artizans, and distributing their vast fortunes among the people—they are doing a hundred fold more harm to the morals of the people by encouraging a love for splendor and extravagance, than all the good they do by the direct channel in which they put into their hands. It accuses us to hear men justify that extravagance which is really prejudicial to the people from a false pride and love of luxury, by the plea of doing good to the poor. If they really do wish to benefit the poor, let them do it in every way that ought to feel, that he has no right to use his wealth for his own selfish gratification, but that he is the steward of God—and will be held him accountable for the use that he makes of what has been so liberally bestowed upon him, they will find a difficulty in disposing of their surplus means as there are half a dozen young men, for Capitalist, whom you know to be poor and deserving; give them a capital to start them in business. There are two or three old men, men of integrity and high character, who began life with you, and whom you have known ever beyond, but who have not succeeded like you, and are now struggling with the world; make them comfortable in the state of their days, and their dying bed easy and happy. None of your lumbings at legal interest or at usury, or the Scripture has it that they are to be lent, asking in return. Here are our friends at Nantucket, fathers of families in easy circumstances yesterday, now without a cent in the world—all lost by the failure of the money kept intent upon doing good,—there is a chance for a cool hundred thousand, at once, and you can see in it yourself that it is well laid out. Are you satisfied yet, that it is no very difficult thing in this needy world, to dispose of your surplus income? would we have not touched upon charitable societies, or the beggars in the street.

We hold then, in these degenerate times, to republican plainness, economy and simplicity, as the only oil of hope. If we permit our people generally indulge in luxury and splendor will they lose the manly virtues of our revolutionary sires. Our fathers were called in the Mother country and deeds were like the oaks in our forests. They had hands that were not too dainty to take hold of the rugged insects of things as they were, and fashion them with stalwart, rugged labor into the most perfect specimens of comeliness and beauty the world had ever seen. But such men, the strange hints of a purer and better order of things—are not to be found in these days.

We must, however, draw this article to a close. It was not our object so much to answer ourselves the question we have propped, as to suggest food consideration to others. As to the remarks we have made upon the tendency everywhere observable, but strongly so in our large cities, to luxury and show, we shall be satisfied if our hasty words but confirm in the minds of our readers a true republican simplicity. It is our conviction, therefore, devotedly. But we know not how better to conclude than brief range of thought, we have found it, and the support at a very high authority, than to quote a sonnet of the poet Wordsworth's, bearing upon the condition of the people of our country:

"Oh, Friend! I know not which way I must look
For comfort, being, as I am, opprest,
To think that now our life is only drest
For show; mean knack ready at sideways, look,
One grand indifference, and the rest all trick,
Pride in appearance, fear to be unlike
In dress and creed. But who is happy here?
Who cannot learn to scorn at once the low
Delights of wealth? Religion, passion, reason,
Joy in industry; and those sacred ties
Plain living and high thinking are no more:
The homely beauty of good sense is gone,
Our wealthier men and women chase, in place
Of these, fantastic toys, as fickle and as fine,
And more precarious; and our poets know
Nothing that's higher, yet dread to be low."

"THE CRADLE."

"Rock-a-by, Lady."—Nursery Ballad

We perceive our neighbor of the Saturday Courier has concentrated the publication of Rotlin in the above beautiful paper. We are not sure that it is the object proposed to be gained by this "new feature," but suppose it is done to create an extra demand for the Courier among the ladies. It doubtless will be of great benefit to that estimable to him, entrusted for the conveyance of his sentiments places at which their services may be needed; though we think Mr McMachin will before long find it necessary to publish, as we have seen in a paper —somewhat in the style that the British Court Journal annually uses towards Queen Victoria—a list of the places where he can make the necessary inquiries and arrangements. We trust now that the proprietor of the Courier has taken on several Babies to have them ready for the cradle when the "order" for prolongs the protection of his sheet that he will be favored by the lady, though it may be a little scarce and warm approval of her friends. It was supposed that the beloved guilt of the man who acted so adroitly, would demand her affections, and the young merchant was encouraged to renew his addresses. But they who were intimate with the fair knew not of the deep devotion of woman's heart. She not only rejected the polished alliance, but in the bitterness of her grief, uttered up by the intensity of her own love and anguish, sympathies which the world had never dreamed of. And that is a gal eloquence and fluence could do, to screen him from the penalty of his crime, was done but in vain. He was convicted, and sent to the penitentiary for five years.

There is yet another party in this romance of real life. A young merchant of Philadelphia, by the name of Bell, had been for two years ardently attached to Miss P. His suit was not favorably received by her lady, though for a time her visits were cheered by smiles. That is a romance, which it is in the power of the press to do justice to.

THE TARIFF BILL.

Since our Congressional news was made up, we have received the bill, as it has finally passed both the Senate, has passed the House by a vote of 117 to 93, and only awaits the signature of the President to become a law.

Notices of New Works.

The Bible the Koran, and the Talmud; or, Bible Lessons, drawn from the Moslem and Rabbinical Archives, and compared with Jewish traditions. By Dr. G. W. Bush, Professor of Hebrew, and Isaac Stuart, &c. *New York: Harper & Brothers. For sale by Lindsay & Blakiston.* This is a book which we predict a great circulation. It is a kind of ingenious dissertation, on the Koran and the Talmud, in the form of dialogues between a Christian, a Jew and a Mussulman. It contains an episode of Adam, Enoch, Noah, Abraham, Joseph, Moses and Aaron, Joshua, Samuel, Saul, David, Solomon, and the Queen of Sheb; Shuhur, John, Mary and Christ. These topics are treated with much learning and ingenuity, but there is that wisdom and extravagance about them which is not to be expected in a "romance." They are apart from the intrinsic charm of these productions as additional interest is imparted to them by the knowledge of the author's profound learning. The work, in fact, is mainly imported to the great founder of Islamism, but there is nothing in it to any many of the errors recorded in these legends are, the moral lesson inculcated is nothing the less important. We would also there is a continual attempt throughout to corroborate, in various ways, the cognizance claimed for Mohammed as the latest of the prophets. The work is a valuable contribution to the literature of the day.

Tales of Shakspeare. *By Mrs. Miller, Author of the Women of Christianity exemplified in Private Life.* &c. &c. This is a work professedly illustrative of "the varieties of human character," and contains two tales from Shakspeare, viz: Much Ado about Nothing, and Mrs. Miller states in her preface that "we shall never be more rightly understood by the public than in our future productions, until we have made ourselves intimately acquainted with the peculiar characteristics of different Dramatists." We have not read these tales, but the name of Mrs. Ellis is a guarantee that they will be perused with interest. For sale by *Lindsay & Blakiston, corner of Chestnut and Fourth Streets.*

Sketches. We have received from *Lindsay & Blakiston*, No. 7 and 9 of Harper's Illuminated Shakespeare and No. 37 of the same publishers superb illustrated edition of The Waverley Novels.

Littell's Living Age. *Zieber & Co* have sent us another number of this valuable periodical, which continues the strong of the English reviewers and magazines.

The Statement of the Commonwealth vs. Edgar. *By Lieut. Col. Childs, late Colonel Inspector General, &c. &c. Published by J. O. Childs, New York: Harper & Brothers. For sale by Lindsay & Blakiston.* This is a pamphlet of the most remarkable character, assertions their the knight of the levers of liberty, whether their lot be cast in England, France, or the United States. Nations, as great and noble as ever stemmed successfully the down rushing tyrants of the tide of time, have sprung upon the arrogant—Hamilton, Cromwell, Vane, Elliot, Pym, and Hampden, have left their spirit behind them, and for which they stood—men that have left their impress upon the ages, and whose bold daring, in the cause of liberty, will be a theme for public men and orators in a great extent in England, and to their full extent in this new world. And full fifty years hence, as now, will the bold and high born strain with pride and exultation. They are our sires, and we their children—and, as long as a spark of life and a flesh. We trace back our ancestry, not to the Kings laborer of the present day, but to the Kings barons of the Commonwealth, in whose it swung all that is free and magnanimous and noble in England as she is now. Will, therefore, be, that we should read and make ourselves familiar with the great Statesmen of the Commonwealth, and that we become public men ourselves. Let the present poor, their store integrity, their love of liberty, and their high republican principles. Never was there a time when more closely the evil of change for the sake of change, or the folly of stability for the mere sake of stability—and that will be the best government for us that has the most power to secure the blessings of liberty to the greatest number.

We have heard it observed that principalizing in England is fast becoming unfashionable. One of the sporting papers, the Era, announces its withdrawal from the "principling," the editor closing with an article against the sports as at present conducted, complaining of the ruffians and ruffianism with which the sports and pastimes of the people degenerated (when was it otherwise?) and finishing his farewell address in these words: "We leave the evil-doing quality of self-destruction—horrifying down the current of the world's opinion, to be buried in the oblivion of contempt. Now that is exactly what we have in England. God has been pleased to bless us ever since—and when it does die, the verdict that the world will pronounce upon it will be that it died of the *Puritans.*" We are inclined to think, however, that Mr. Hampden was the real founder of them all," and the only one calculated to organize a Republic. His character very much resembled that of Washington. In power and like him an universal popularity, and an undoubted patriotism, and if he had been born in the new world instead of the old, he would have drawn all hearts around him. We have named Hampden as one of the rising of government, he did the best he could according to his genius. He was at least a man of virtue and a friend to mankind, and he died in the cause of liberty, while Hampden was a man of genius. Did we have the time to examine in detail the causes which led to the civil wars in England, we fear that we should find that the seeds of the tyranny and misery which the people endured were sown by the hands and corrupted by the lips of the very men who were the most eminent in the kingdom, and who, by their influence and example, should have been in almost constant duty near the Sovereign's person. We refer to the Bishops, the Peers, the Ministers of State, the Members of Parliament, the Commissioners of Revenue, the Judges, the Lord Lieutenants of Counties, the Justices of the Peace, the Sheriffs, the Officers of the Army and Navy, the Ambassadors, the Members of the Privy Council, the Lords of the Bedchamber, the Grooms of the Stole, the Gentlemen Pensioners, the Gentlemen of the Horse, the Gentlemen of the Privy Chamber, the Gentlemen Ushers, the Esquires of the Body, the Gentlemen Waiters, the Clerks of the Closet, the Chaplains in Ordinary, the Physicians in Ordinary, the Surgeons in Ordinary, the Apothecaries in Ordinary, the Chamberlains, the Treasurers, the Comptrollers, the Cofferers, the Masters of the Wardrobe, the Masters of the Jewel House, the Masters of the Mint, the Masters of the Ordnance, the Masters of the Armory, the Masters of the Revels, the Masters of the Tents, the Masters of the Harriers, the Masters of the Buckhounds, the Masters of the Foxhounds, the Masters of the Staghounds, the Masters of the Footbuck Hounds, the Masters of the Hare Hounds, the Masters of the Bear Hounds, the Masters of the Game, the Masters of the Horse, the Masters of the Footmen, the Masters of the Pages

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Selected Poetry.

FRANCE AND ENGLAND.

FROM AN ENGLISH PAPER.

We make no boast of Waterloo;
In mass success no pride is ri'
We have no learned of the French,
No scorn of Toulon or Dupe—
The claret that our fathers gained
In bloody warfare years against
And which they left of the their cups,
Gives us no joy to think upon.

In truth, we value not the French,
And think our fathers did them wrong;
And sometimes black when in the streets,
We curse out of date, an ancient song—
Ghost of a prejudice—comes back,
And tells us how, in days gone out,
The best of Englishmen was he
Who put a dozen French to rout.

We have no foolish thoughts like those
Of France so any other land;
And jealousies to poor and mean
We're somewhat slow to understand.
We'd rather with our friends, the French,
Encourage kindness of thought,
Than gain a score of Waterloos,
Or any battle ever fought.

And in the year of "forty six,"
We rising sons in life's young prime,
Are men who think the French have done
The world good service in their time.
And for their valors, and for our ties
And freedom's cake we'd all the earth,
We'd rather let all feuds expire,
And cling to something better worth.
If thought of battles gained by to
Disturb so gall d ems, let it rest;
Napoleon was a man of note,
But neither would admire he bee
Neither a demon nor a god.
And if they still adore a king,
The honest man who rules them now
Deserves a little worshipping

To be at strife, hence-not just,
Has no attention to our mind
And so for nations fond of war,
We think them poor of homeskind.
Still, if there must be rivalry
Betwixt us and the French, why, then
Let earth behold in, who we show
Which of the two are better men.

We'll try the rivalry of Arts,
Of Science, Learning, Freedom Fame—
We'll try who best shall fight for the world
With Charity's divinest flame—
The best shall elevate the poor,
And teach the world to be its true—
We want no victory of arms,
We want no boasts of Waterloo

A Thrilling Sketch.

PRESENCE OF MIND.

An emergency, that totally unnerves one man, is just sufficient to call the powers of another into full activity. Whilst the former cannot act at all, but seems rendered to a state of mental paralysis, the latter applies himself with calm energy to the difficulties of the case, and escapes the peril that appears inevitable, by an intuitive selection of the only path that could lead him out in safety. Presence of mind is more frequently diffused amongst men than women, but, perhaps, the more striking isolated examples are told of females. Most people have heard of the mother, who, seeing her infant on the near the edge of a precipice that the slightest advance would bend the little creature to destruction, had the presence of mind to suppress the scream of alarm that was on the point of breaking out. Simply whispering the fond names of endearment, at the same time baring her breast, she drew it from its dangerous position into the safe haven of her arms. When presence of mind is combined with fortitude, the compound is very admirable; and there are few things that show, in a greater degree, the power of the mind over the body. The following circumstance, which took place a few years ago in an English county, are a pointed illustration of this unusual combination of qualities:—

"A young couple, named Aubrey, inhabited a tolerably large house in the village of ——, at Norfolk. The house—an old one—was built in the garden of considerable size, and had no other occupants than the gentleman and lady just mentioned, their infant rather more than a year old, and a single female domestic, who had not been very long in their service. Every evening at nine o'clock, a relative the most complete regard throughout the village, at tae the lights in the different houses began to be extinguished, and in a short time no ray disturbed the silent darkness. It must also have been a very extraordinary circumstance if any steps were discerned heard in the street. Judge, then, of the utter solitude of a house screened by elms and sycamores, and standing three or four rods away from the public way. One evening in the month of November, Mrs. Aubrey was in the house, awaiting the return of her husband, whom some affair of business had called away in the morning, to a town about six miles distant. He expected to receive a considerable sum of money in the course of the day, and his wife had prevailed upon him to take a pair of pistols, as he anticipated being detained until after nightfall. About six o'clock in the evening Mrs. Aubrey went up stairs, accompanied by the servant, for the purpose of putting the child to bed. The room was on the first floor, a large apartment, looking into the garden. The moment darkened its tints the ivory furniture, the lofty portraits with scale countenances and in ancient costumes, gave the room a somewhat gloomy appearance. Opposite to the chimney was a very deep recess, in which stood the bed, and near this was placed the child's cradle. The curtains were drawn, but one corner had caught by accident on some piece of furniture, and a part of the bed was exposed, a the nurse in the act of saying on which some exclamation of surprise had escaped the slight amount of salt and patience.

"The night was dark and melancholy, quite in character with the time of year. Gusts of wind rattled on the windows, dashing the rain violently against the glass. The trees in the garden, bending under the sudden currents of air, occasionally struck the house-like a gloomy and mysterious concert threatened the human voices mingled in the premise assistance in case of need. Mrs Aubrey seated herself on a low chair at a corner of the hearth. The light of the fire and that of a lamp placed on the chimney piece, striking some objects in full, and leaving others in darkness, made all kinds of strange effects by their opposition or contrast. The child, which fully occupied her attention, sat on her knee, and when the servant entered not some commands of her mistress at the other end of the room. Being about to complete the child's toilette for the night, the servant turned towards the cradle to see that it was prepared, and just at the moment a bright flame shooting out from a strong light upon the recess. Conceive, if you can, her astonishment, and the start she gave, when, under the bed, and at the place where the curtain had been lifted up, she perceived, as plain as if it had been in the daylight in life, a pair of thick-soled boots, in such a position as to show that the wearer of them was in a standing attitude, and the calves of his legs were visible. At last, a world of thoughts rushed through her brain, and the utter helplessness of her situation flashed upon her. It did not admit of a doubt that a man was there with some evil intention, either to rob or murder. Her husband would probably not return before late at night, and it was then scarcely half-past six. Mrs. Aubrey, however, possessed sufficient command over herself not to do what instinct urged her to do—what any one would have done, namely fall to shouting. To all appearance, the man had ventured upon staying where he was for a considerable time, and he hope to had intended to remain until midnight, and then carry off the money that Mr. Aubrey was to receive; but, if obliged to come out of his lurking place now, he might revenge himself upon the two defenceless women and child by all intimations of them by putting them to death. Then, who could tell? perhaps the servant herself might be in league with the fellow. Indeed, her last item of the fearful crowds of suspicion, as regards the girl, which Mrs. Aubrey had disregarded, but they now forced themselves on her mind. All these reflections occurred to her in much less time than I have taken to put them down.

"She came to a determination at once. She first thought of her servant's pretext to get the servant out of the room—Mary she said, with as steady a voice as she could assume, 'you know what your master will like for supper; I wish you would go and make it ready. He will be pleased, I am sure, that we have thought of it.' 'Will you not need me here on usual, ma'm?' inquired the girl. 'No, I can do all myself, thank you, go and cook, so nice a supper as you can; for I am sure my husband ought to have something nice after a long ride, and so such weather.' After some delay, which deemed her mistress's anxiety, although she made varied to repress it, the servant quitted the room. The sounds of her footsteps died away on the stairs, and then Mrs. Aubrey truly felt herself alone—got the two feet remained there in their shadowy retreat, without stirring. She kept near the fire, holding the infant on her lap, now and then speaking to it, but only mechanically, for she could not remove her eyes from that terrible sight. Your poor child cried to be at rest, but the cradle was near the bed, and under the bed were those frightful feet—it was impossible to go near them. She made a violent effort, however.— Come, then, darling!' she murmured; and, lifting the child in her arms, and supporting herself on her trembling limbs, she went towards the cradle. She is now beside the feet!—she places the baby in little bed, concealing as well as she can, the treasure of her voice; she reclin the cradle in time to the song she usually sings. At the time she sang, she kept dancing a dagger was lifted up to strike her, and there was no one to succor her. Well, the baby fell asleep, and Mrs. Aubrey returned to her seat near the fire. She durst not quit the room, for that might excite the suspicion of the man, and the effort which she was probably his accomplice; besides, she wished to remain near her infant. It was now no more than seven minutes—twelfth a full hour before her husband would reach home! Her eyes are chained by a species of fascination, to the feet; she cannot divert them by any other object. A pain found silence reigns in the room; baby sleeps peacefully; its mother sits motionless—a statue; her hands crossed on her lap, her lips half open, her eyes fixed, and her breast has a fearful tightness across it.

"Now and then there was a noise without in the garden, and Mrs. Aubrey's heart leaped within her, as she imagined it announced her husband's arrival—and her own deliverance. But no, not yet; she was deceived, it was merely the sound of the wind, of the rain, or the rustling of the trees that are always in the world, to deep and mournful was the silence. Every minute seemed an age. Look! look! the feet stir. Is the man coming out of his concealment? No, it was nothing but a slight movement, perhaps involuntarily made to ease an unpleasant position. But the feet are there.

"The clock is audible once more, but it is only to chime the half-hour. Half-past seven; no more than half-past seven! Oh, how full of anguish was every minute! Repeatedly she addressed prayers on High for a period to Heaven for assistance. Now the chimney-piece there was a book of religious meditation; she reached it, and tried to read. In vain. Her thoughts were full of the page continually to see if the clouted boots were still under the bed. Then a new source of anxiety shot through her brain—Where is the servant? does not come after all? The weather was bad, and his parents, who lived in the town whither he had gone, might have cual upon him to remain with them over night. She would not be astonished if he complied, especially as he knew that he could get money about his person. Heavens! What, if he comes not at all!

"Eight o'clock has struck, and there is no arrival. The servant girl, her entire fears suggested her every moment more and more probable. For two hours did this agonized female hour up against her thoughts, but at length it became hopeless to hope. Hark! Is that a noise? She has been deceived so often before, she is afraid to believe her ears once more. Yes, the sound is the carriage. The entrance-door opens, is closed, steps come along the hall, and moment after, the room door turns on its hinges. Yes, tis he!—it is her husband! But if it had been a stranger, he found not perceived the danger? his suspicion. For the chimney-piece there was a hook of religious meditation; she reached it, and tried to read. In vain. Her thoughts were full of the page continually to see if the clouted boots were still under the bed. Then a new source of anxiety shot through her brain—Where is the servant? does not come after all? The weather was bad, and his parents, who lived in the town whither he had gone, might have cual upon him to remain with them over night. She would not be astonished if he complied, especially as he knew that he could get money about his person. Heavens! What, if he comes not at all!

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